FISCAL NOTE

HB 3517 - SB 3692

March 23, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a state agency from using state or federal funds for the universal mental health testing or screening of juveniles under any federal mental health program without the approval of the General Assembly, unless certain conditions apply. A Local Education Agency (LEA) is prohibited from using a parent's refusal to consent to giving a psychotropic medication to a student or psychiatric evaluation, test, or screening of a student as grounds for prohibiting the child from attending class or participating in a school-related activity or as basis of child abuse or neglect.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- There will not be a significant increase in state expenditures for regulation changes or for requiring approval by the General Assembly for state agencies to perform universal health testing or screenings of juveniles.
- The exceptions in the proposed bill should not jeopardize federal funding received by the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities or any other state department or agency.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director